

GOLD COAST 2018 COMMONWEALTH GAMES
AMENDED NOMINATION CRITERIA FOR PARA SWIMMING EVENTS

Paralympics New Zealand – Para swimming

1. Application of this Nomination Criteria

- 1.1 This Nomination Criteria is issued by the Board of Paralympics New Zealand
- 1.2 This Nomination Criteria shall take effect from 27 October 2016.
- 1.3 This Nomination Criteria applies to:
- (a) all Athletes wishing to be considered for nomination to the Games Team to compete in the Games in a Para swimming Event; and
 - (b) Paralympics New Zealand, including its Paralympics New Zealand Selectors, that wish to nominate Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection to the Games Team for the Games.

2. Paralympics New Zealand Selectors

- 2.1 **Composition:** The Paralympics New Zealand Selectors shall be appointed by Paralympics New Zealand. The Paralympics New Zealand Selectors who will consider nomination of Athletes to NZOC to be considered for selection in the Games Team are:

Marc Frewin (TBC)

Clive Power (TBC)

Malcolm Humm (TBC)

3. Nomination Procedure

- 3.1 **Conditions of Nomination:** The Paralympics New Zealand Selectors may only consider an Athlete for nomination if the Athlete has satisfied the following conditions of nomination:
- (a) hold an active IPC Swimming Athlete's License for the 2017 season.
 - (b) be internationally classified with a 'Confirmed' or 'Review' sport class status by 1 October 2017.
 - (d) received an invitation by name;
 - (e) returned a completed Athlete Application to the NZOC prior to the Application Date, in the form prescribed by the NZOC; and

- (f) returned a completed Athlete Agreement to the NZOC in the manner prescribed by the NZOC prior to the Nomination Date; and
- (g) be eligible pursuant to the the Athlete Allocation System for the XXI Commonwealth Games (“Athlete Allocation System”), including entry by name; and
- (h) demonstrated to the satisfaction of Paralympics New Zealand that they are not suffering any physical or mental impairment that would prevent them from competing in the Games to the highest possible standard; and
- (i) acted in such a manner so as not to bring the Athlete, the sport, Paralympics New Zealand or the NZOC into public disrepute; and
- (j) to Paralympics New Zealand’s knowledge has not used or administered any substance which, if it had been detected as being present in the Athlete’s body tissue or fluids, would have constituted doping, or used any prohibited method or committed any other doping offence as defined in Paralympics New Zealand’s, the IPC or NZOC’s Integrity Regulation; and
- (k) from 4 October 2017 has provided their name and contact address details to NZOC for the purpose of out of competition drug testing with Drug Free Sport New Zealand.

3.2 **Qualification:** New Zealand must qualify for places in an event(s) in accordance with the Athlete Allocation System. Qualification for a place in any event(s) by an athlete does not guarantee that athlete will be nominated or selected to compete in the Para swimming Event(s) at the Games.

3.3 **Nomination if Nomination Criteria Met:** Provided the requirements set out in clause 3.1 and 3.2 are met, the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors shall nominate those Athletes it considers meet the Nomination Criteria set out below, subject to any quota restriction placed on the NZOC, CGF or Paralympics New Zealand.

4. Nomination Criteria

4.1 **Nomination Criteria:** The Paralympics New Zealand Nomination Criteria is made up of two parts:

- (a) the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria specified in clause 4.2, including the evidence required in clause 4.3; and
- (b) the Specific Nomination Factors specified in clause 4.4.

4.2 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria:** In determining whether or not to nominate an Athlete to the NZOC, the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors must be satisfied that:

- (a) the Athlete is capable of achieving a top 6 placing at the Games in the Para swimming Event(s); and
- (b) has or have a track record of sufficient quality and depth that the NZOC believes demonstrates that the Nominated Athlete(s) will be competitive at the Games and will perform creditably in that Para swimming Event.

4.3 **Evidence:** In determining whether or not the Athlete has or have met the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria for Para swimming Events in clauses 4.2(a) and (b) above, the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors must be satisfied that the Athlete has achieved a Minimum Qualification Standard at an International Paralympic Committee (“IPC”) recognised Competition (IPC Competition, IPC Sanctioned Competition, or IPC Approved Competition) for the respective event between 3 April 2017 and 8 December 2017.

NB: For a Minimum Qualification Standard to be recognised the Athlete must be internationally classified with a ‘Confirmed’ or ‘Review’ sport class status at the time of achieving the Minimum Qualification Standard.

4.4 **Specific Nomination Factors:** When considering the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria above, the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors may also take into account any one or more of the following factors about an Athlete:

- (a) any other performances or results in competitions / events in addition to the Key Events;
- (b) adequate fitness and a commitment to maintain a fitness and training programme as agreed with the applicable coach(es);
- (c) demonstrated good behaviour, including a commitment to training and attendance at training camps;
- (d) demonstrated compatibility with others in a team environment;
- (e) demonstrated compliance with the rules of events and competitions;
- (f) understanding and respect for the obligations that accompany being a member of a New Zealand team when competing at the Games, including respect for team members and support staff;
- (g) willingness to promote Paralympics New Zealand in a positive manner;
- (h) demonstrated ability to take personal responsibility for self and their results;
- (i) proven ability to be reliable; and
- (j) any other factor(s) the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors consider relevant

4.5 **Own Enquiries:** In considering any one or more of the above factors, the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors may make such enquiries of the Athlete, or other persons, as they see fit.

- 4.6 **Weight to be Given to Specific Nomination Factors:** The Paralympics New Zealand Selectors may give weight to any one or more of the Specific Nomination Factors and, if it does, to apply such weighting to one or more Athletes. No particular factor shall be weighted more or less significantly by reason only of the order in which that factor appears in this Nomination Criteria.
- 4.7 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In any decision regarding the nomination of Athletes to the Games Team, the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors may, in their sole discretion, take into account any extenuating circumstances in accordance with clause 5 below.
- 4.8 **Nomination Procedure:** After consideration of this Nomination Criteria, the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors shall follow the procedure set out in clause 9 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

5. Extenuating Circumstances

- 5.1 **Extenuating Circumstances:** In considering the nomination of Athletes in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors may, in their sole discretion, give weight to any extenuating circumstances which may include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (a) injury or illness;
 - (b) travel delays;
 - (c) equipment failure;
 - (d) bereavement or personal misfortune; and/or
 - (e) any other factors reasonably considered by the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors to constitute extenuating circumstances.
- 5.2 **Athlete to Advise:** Athletes unable to compete at events, trials, or other attendances required under this Nomination Criteria, must advise the Chief Executive of the extenuating circumstances and reasons, in writing, with as much advance notice as possible and ideally seven (7) days prior to the commencement of the event, trial or other attendance. If the Chief Executive is not notified of any extenuating circumstances in accordance with this Nomination Criteria, then the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors have no obligation to rely on such circumstances.
- 5.3 **Medical Certificate:** In the case of injury or illness, Athletes may be required by the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors to provide a medical certificate and/or to undergo an examination by a health practitioner/s nominated by the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors, and to provide that opinion and/or report to the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors. Any failure to agree to such a request may result in the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors being unable to consider the injury or illness as an extenuating circumstance.

- 5.4 **Case by Case:** In the case of any extenuating circumstance/s, the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors will make a decision on a case-by-case basis.

6. Appeal Procedure

- 6.1 **Nomination Appeals:** An Athlete may appeal to Paralympics New Zealand against their non-nomination to the NZOC by the Paralympics New Zealand Selectors provided that the Athlete has returned a completed:

- (a) Athlete Application to the NZOC by the Application Date; and
- (b) Athlete Agreement to the NZOC by the Nomination Date.

- 6.2 **Procedures for Nomination Appeals:** Any appeal under paragraph 6.1 must be made in accordance with the procedures set out in clause 13 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

7. Inconsistencies

- 7.1 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation:** In the event there is any inconsistency between this Nomination Criteria and the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation, the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation shall prevail.

- 7.2 **Qualification Standard:** If this Nomination Criteria imposes a higher qualification standard or a lesser number of participants than stated by the CGF, this shall not be regarded as an inconsistency.

8. Amendments to this Nomination Criteria

- 8.1 **Prior to Nomination Date:** This Nomination Criteria may be amended or supplemented from time to time by the Board, before the Nomination Date, provided NZOC has prior approved the amendment/s and supplement/s.

- 8.2 **Notice:** The Board will give as much notice as possible of any amendment/s or supplement/s made under clause 8.1 to this Nomination Criteria, to persons it considers may be affected by any such amendment/s or supplement/s.

9. Definitions

- 9.1 **Application Date** means 4 June 2017, (or such other dates as specified by NZOC), by which Athletes must submit a completed Athlete Application to the NZOC in accordance with clause 8.3 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.

- 9.2 **Athlete** means a person who wishes to be considered for nomination to the Games Team.

- 9.3 **Athlete Agreement** means the agreement that must be completed by any Athlete wishing to be considered for nomination and selection to the Games Team in accordance with clause 8.4 of the NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation.
- 9.4 **Athlete Application** means the form set by the NZOC that must be completed by any Athlete applying to be nominated and selected to the Games Team.
- 9.5 **Board** means the Board of Paralympics New Zealand as established under the Constitution.
- 9.6 **CGF** means the Commonwealth Games Federation.
- 9.7 **Chief Executive** means the Chief Executive Officer of Paralympics New Zealand and includes his / her nominee.
- 9.8 **Constitution** means the Constitution of Paralympics New Zealand
- 9.9 **Games** means the 2018 Commonwealth Games to be held in Gold Coast, Australia from 4 April – 15 April 2018.
- 9.10 **Games Team** means the New Zealand Team at the Games selected in accordance with the NZOC Selection Policy for the Games.
- 9.11 **Paralympics New Zealand** means Paralympics New Zealand Incorporated.
- 9.12 **Paralympic New Zealand Selectors** means the selectors appointed by Paralympics New Zealand in accordance with clause 2 of this Nomination Criteria.
- 9.13 **Minimum Qualification Standard** means the qualification standards attached as Appendix 1.
- 9.14 **Nominated Athlete** means an Athlete who has been nominated to the NZOC by Paralympics New Zealand.
- 9.15 **Nomination Criteria** means the criteria made up of the Over-Riding Nomination Criteria and the Specific Nomination Factors, and is also referred to as “this Criteria”.
- 9.16 **Nomination Date** means on or before 18 December 2017 (and includes any alternative date as agreed between NZOC and Paralympics New Zealand by which Paralympics New Zealand must submit any Nominated Athletes to the NZOC.
- 9.17 **NZOC** means the New Zealand Olympic Committee Incorporated.
- 9.18 **NZOC Integrity Regulation** means the regulation adopted by the NZOC, in particular in relation to anti-doping, a copy of which is available at www.olympic.org/nz/nzoc/publications-and-reports-0.
- 9.19 **NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation** means the regulation of NZOC relation to the nomination and selection Process for all Olympic and Commonwealth games, including the Games.

9.20 **Over-Riding Nomination Criteria** means the criteria set out in clause 4.2.

9.21 **Para swimming Event** means one of the following events at the Games in which an Athlete competes:

Gender	Classification	Distance	Stroke	Other Eligible Classifications
Men	S9	100	Freestyle	S8
Men	S9	100	Backstroke	S8
Men	S7	50	Freestyle	S6
Men	SB8	100	Breaststroke	SB7
Men	SM8	200	IM	SM7
Men	S14	200	Freestyle	

Gender	Classification	Distance	Stroke	Other Eligible Classifications
Women	S8	50	Freestyle	S7
Women	S9	100	Freestyle	S8
Women	SB9	100	Breaststroke	SB8
Women	SM10	200	IM	SM9
Women	S7	50	Butterfly	S6
Women	S9	100	Backstroke	S8

OTHER APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS (all located at www.olympic.org.nz)

- NZOC Nomination and Selection Regulation;
- NZOC Selection Policy;
- Athlete Application Form; and
- Athlete Agreement.

Appendix 1 – Minimum Qualification Standard

Gender	Classification	Distance	Stroke	Other Eligible Classifications	Minimum Qualification Standard
Men	S9	100	Freestyle	S8	58.85
Men	S9	100	Backstroke	S8	1:07.76
Men	S7	50	Freestyle	S6	31.58
Men	SB8	100	Breaststroke	SB7	1:34.54
Men	SM8	200	IM	SM7	2:50.08
Men	S14	200	Freestyle		2:04.98

Gender	Classification	Distance	Stroke	Other Eligible Classifications	Minimum Qualification Standard
Women	S8	50	Freestyle	S7	32.39
Women	S9	100	Freestyle	S8	1:06.65
Women	SB9	100	Breaststroke	SB8	1:22.66
Women	SM10	200	IM	SM9	2:37.87
Women	S7	50	Butterfly	S6	39.81
Women	S9	100	Backstroke	S8	1:17.31